

# **UNIFIED STATE PLAN REPORTS**

## **NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **PRIORITIES/OBJECTIVES/ACTIVITIES**

This document provides summaries of county Unified State Plan meeting process achievements to date (priorities, objectives, activities; implementation plan - timeline; responsibilities and resources needed; strategies for sustainability; and anticipated outcomes and timeline for accomplishment). It places counties into three categories according to where they are in that process:

- Stage One: Counties have developed priorities and are engaged in the development of objectives, activities and an implementation plan for addressing them.
- Stage Two: Counties have identified priorities and objectives and are engaged in the process of developing implementation plans, and responsibilities and resources needed to address priorities.
- Stage Three: Counties have developed strategies for implementation and anticipated outcomes.

This compiled document is being sent to committee members and counties so they can have this feedback to review, edit, add new decisions as a result of recent meetings etc. and respond. This communication to the counties will emphasize the fluid nature of the plan and the need to share information with the Commission whenever meetings occur and decisions/changes are arrived at.

# CLALLAM/JEFFERSON COUNTY~STAGE ONE

**MEETING DATES:** MAY 29TH, 2002  
**TIME:** 9:00AM – 11:00AM  
**LOCATION:** NORTH OLYMPIC LIBRARY, SEQUIM  
**MEETING CALLED BY:**  
**FACILITATOR:** MICHELE ERICKSON, RSVP DIRECTOR  
**TIMEKEEPER:**  
**NOTE TAKER:**  
**TYPE OF MEETINGS:**

## *COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:*

Northwest Services Council (Bob Ritchie/Susan Wilson), Linda Pedlar, Americorps Team Coordinator, Serenity House, Jim Podlesny, Vista for Adult Shelter Development, Housing Authority of Clallam County, Chris Stevenson, Program Assistant, Housing Authority of Clallam County, Melinda Szatlocky, Catherine Booth, WA Service Corps, Helen Walker, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator, Michele Erickson, RSVP Director

## **PRIORITY 1: PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

### **GOAL I**

Adopt prevention as a state-wide strategy for all human needs, public safety, and education related CNCS projects in an effort to enhance protective factors which keep people from being at-risk.

### **STRATEGIES**

- During 2002-2003, AmeriCorps and RSVP volunteers work together in schools, Boy's and Girl's Clubs and other youth activities to focus on education as a preventative risk factor.

### **GOAL II**

Design projects to incorporate an intergenerational and cross-cultural (ethnic, lifestyle) approach in the delivery of national service activities.

### **STRATEGIES –**

- Connection between AmeriCorps and RSVP in doing cross-cultural and intergenerational activities.
- During the 2002-2003 program year, on Martin Luther King Day, participate in at least one day during the AmeriCorps Team Service Project.

### **GOAL III**

Promote and expand the ethic of Service and Service Learning in all age groups and all projects.

### **STRATEGIES**

- Develop public awareness of AmeriCorps and RSVP activities, such as newspaper articles.

## **PRIORITY 2: PUBLIC AWARENESS- (EXPAND PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT OF SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM)**

**GOAL I**

Promote the concept of “Service as a Solution” and those who serve as stable resources when coupled with programs who are addressing community needs.

**STRATEGIES**

- See strategies, under goal II.

**GOAL II**

Enable those “receiving services from CNCS programs” so they are empowered to serve others.

**STRATEGIES**

- Continue with AmeriCorps activities with the Boy’s and Girl’s Club.

**GOAL III**

Regional clusters of CNCS programs develop information-sharing opportunities with the media and the general public to publicize the outcomes of collaborative efforts, which address a community priority.

**STRATEGIES**

- (Keep all current strategies)

**PRIORITY 3: STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE (EFFORTS TO COORDINATE THE STREAMS OF SERVICE), THROUGH SUSTAINABILITY (EFFORTS TO SUSTAIN AND SUPPORT SERVICE ACTIVITIES).**

**GOAL I**

Local CNCS projects will bring new non-CNCS partners together on a periodic basis for information sharing, planning, and program development and be viewed by the voluntary sector as integral and contributory to the positive climate of the community.

**STRATEGIES –**

- (keep all current strategies)

**GOAL II**

Survey CNCS program members and CNCS volunteers as well as those being served as “Customers” and ask for their input regarding successful approaches to address needs.

**STRATEGIES –**

- By the 2003-2004 program year CNCS projects will provide on an ongoing basis a means by which members/volunteers can help provide input regarding future program designs.

**GOAL III**

Design programs with outcome-based accountability and evaluation, which document outcomes and demonstrate results.

**STRATEGIES –**

- By the 2003-2004 program year, all CNCS projects will have outcome-based activities.

**PRIORITY 4: TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – (FOR PROGRAMS AND STAFF)**

**GOAL I**

Develop and offer local cross-stream orientation and related subject area training sessions for all CNCS projects on a regional basis.

**STRATEGIES –**

➤ (Keep all current strategies)

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# SKAGIT COUNTY~STAGE ONE

**DATE:** APRIL 16, 2002  
**TIME:** 3:30-5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** SKAGIT FAMILY RESOURCE, CENTER, MOUNT VERNON  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** DONNA SITTS, RSVP DIRECTOR  
**FACILITATOR:** DONNA SITTS  
**TIMEKEEPER:**  
**NOTETAKER:** SANDI EVEREST, VOLUNTARY ACTION CENTER

## *COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:*

Mark Watkinson, Skagit Co Emergency Management and Jeff Connors, Director, Skagit Red Cross, Windi Kononen, WA CC, Tiffany West, WA Reading Corps, Amanda Alden, WA Reading Corps, Beth Fortuna, Oasis Teen Shelter, Matt Davis, Oasis Teen Shelter, Heather Hentz, Oasis Teen Shelter, Dan Roth, Lopez Island Family Resource Center, Morgan Sicilia, WA Reading Corps, Sarah Green, WA Reading Corps, Anne Dean, Youthnet, Monica McMillan, WA Reading Corps, Erin Hinkley, WA Reading Corps, Bill Henkel, Director, Skagit Literacy, Jesi Lester, Oasis Teen Shelter, Tami Rounsiville, Supervisor, Oasis Teen Shelter

110 invitations were sent to all known National Service participants and supervisors operating in Skagit County, plus 3 disaster agencies, 3 faith-based organizations, a member on Lopez Island (who spent approx. 7 hours in transit), one on Whidbey Island, and one in Whatcom County. Nineteen people attended, including the convener. Only 2—the convener and a VISTA project director, had seen a copy of the Unified State Plan, or heard of it, or understood that they were to adhere to it. We were delighted to have the directors of Red Cross and Emergency Services CERTS program attend. It was clear that attendees wanted to hear from them about needs and ways to cooperate, so we made that the focus of the meeting. Several things were accomplished:

- An AmeriCorps member volunteered himself and several of his friends to play the role of “victims” in a disaster drill to be conducted by Emergency Services next week.
- The Lopez Island member, who is working on a project building 7 houses, got a lead on a volunteer, currently with Habitat for Humanity, who could function as a site supervisor.
- Two members began collaborating on a plan to host an AmeriCorps team for several weeks this summer.
- The Emergency Services representative suggested that we collaborate on a Disaster Preparedness project we could propose to the Justice Dept for funding.
- The Red Cross Director decided he’d like to apply for an AmeriCorps or VISTA position to help coordinate the expected new influx of Homeland Security volunteers.
- There was consensus that CERTs training, CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid would be appropriate for AmeriCorps/VISTAs early in their term of service. Most would have liked to have taken the training and considered it valuable for their projects. Both Emergency Services and Red Cross were interested in providing that training.
- There was agreement that the following would be useful for planning, collaboration, and sharing resources: a listserv for members and supervisors in the 5 NW counties; a calendar with all project events, national days of service projects and periods of time off from their projects when members must find other service opportunities
- [www.VolunteerMatch](http://www.VolunteerMatch) was introduced and several members were excited to post their own volunteer needs on the web.

## BENTON/FRANKLIN COUNTY~STAGE TWO

**MEETING DATES:** April 23 and April 30  
**TIME:** 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** WORKSOURCE CENTER, 815 N. KELLOGG, KENNEWICK  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** BENTON / FRANKLIN RSVP  
**FACILITATOR:** STELLA GODINEZ, COMMISSIONER  
**TIMEKEEPER:**  
**NOTE TAKER:** DIANE HART, RSVP DIRECTOR

### *COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:*

B F Volunteer Center, Tami Nida-Arntzen, Franklin County Emergency Management, John Scheer, Fluor Hanford Emergency Preparedness, Donna Somers, RYSC-AmeriCorps, Stephen Harrell, RSVP, Diane Hart

### **FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**

LDS Church, Vicki Robison, newsletter editor, Christ the King Elementary School, Sue Jones, Sausage Fest volunteer coordinator

### **WCNCS COMMISSIONERS:**

Stella Godinez

### **GENERAL COMMENTS**

Our committee felt that the Goals and Strategies part of the Unified State Plan would be much more useful if it were shortened significantly. There is a lot of duplication of ideas.

We thought some of the “goals” should actually have been strategies. Many of the “goals” are ongoing and will probably continue to be in the future. You might consider re-naming them “General Commitments” or “Principles.”

### **OBJECTIVE 1:**

Involve faith-based organizations in planning, implementation and achievement of existing goals.

### **ACTIVITIES:**

- CNCS projects will survey the community to identify faith-based organizations and open dialogues with them.
- By the 2nd year, CNCS projects will have catalogued community faith-based organizations and identified the services they perform and their interests.
- Exchange of information with community faith-based organizations will be conducted routinely through meetings and on-line exchange of information.

### **OBJECTIVE 2:**

CNCS projects will work closely with emergency management and disaster response organizations to meet the Homeland Security needs of the community.

**ACTIVITIES**

- CNCS projects will take the lead in contacting all emergency preparedness and disaster relief agencies and become involved in their regular meetings.
- CNCS projects will help these agencies identify areas of need and look for ways in which AmeriCorps volunteers can be of assistance.
- CNCS projects, working with the state VOAD, will help to implement the formation of COADs in rural areas

**NAME OF PARTY/ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITY**

- **RSVP:** Will collect information needed to make a comprehensive list of agencies concerned with disaster preparedness, emergency management and disaster relief in each community.
- **RSVP:** Will collect information needed to make a comprehensive list of faith-based organizations in each community with description of which community needs they serve.
- **AmeriCorps:** Will develop placements for AmeriCorps or VISTA volunteers in emergency/disaster organizations.
- **Commission members:** Will take the lead in making sure all CNCS projects in each area are in close communication and work with each other on joint projects.

**RESOURCES NEEDED/PROVIDED BY/NOTES/COMMENTS**

- Computer data base for faith-based organization information
- RSVP and community volunteer organizations
- Computer database for emergency / disaster organization information
- RSVP and community volunteer organizations

**STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

- CNCS projects will make efforts to involve less traditional organizations in joint community projects
- CNCS projects will nurture relationships with corporations and other for-profit organizations as a source for volunteers and finances
- CNCS projects will develop more projects in which the participants eventually assume ownership

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND TIMELINE FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT**

- CNCS projects will design new partnerships with built-in mechanisms to measure outcomes
- New partnership agreements will assign responsibilities for obtaining necessary data

# KING COUNTY~STAGE TWO

**MEETING DATES:** MAY 1, 2002  
**TIME:** 3:30 – 5:30 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** FREMONT PUBLIC ASSOCIATION, SEATTLE  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** RSVP  
**FACILITATOR:**  
**TIMEKEEPER:**  
**NOTE TAKER:** SEAN WALSH-LITERACY AMERICORPS  
**TYPE OF MEETINGS:**

## *COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:*

Deanna Briese-King County Housing Authority, Jane Inglis-Foster Grandparents, Cristina Vasconcelos-Senior Companions, Julie Zoellner-WA Health Fund, Bill Basl-WCNCS, Dorothy Dubia-Intergenerational Innovations, David Griggs-City Year, Lisa Chick-City Year, Sean Walsh-Literacy AmeriCorps, Ashley Marcus-International Rescue Committee, Cara Patrick-Sound Youth, Mike Beebe-FPA – JustServe, Ann Johns-FPA – JustServe, Glenn Puckett, Natalie Lecher Pozarski FPA – WA Reading Corps, Lynn Livesley-FPA - National Service Progs., Linda Schnee-FPA – RSVP, Chris Marx-FPA – RSVP

## **PRIORITY 1: PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**

Provide preventative and responsive service to people who have urgent needs and/or those who are underserved by existing programs. Include cross-cultural and intergenerational focus. Increase cross-program information sharing and collaboration.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Ensure projects are meeting community needs
- Continue Prevention as a strategy in addition to intervention strategies
- Prevention and intervention should include educating the whole community about critical needs
- Ethic of Service inherent in all CNS programs, utilize service learning to value and reinforce this ethic
- Increase partnerships with faith based and small community organizations to serve people with urgent needs or those who are currently under served
- Address issues of trust and accessibility
- Address the increasing problem of hate crimes in developing responses and participation in Citizen Corps, Freedom Corps and homeland security issues

## **PRIORITY 2: PUBLIC AWARENESS**

Expand public awareness and support of public service through media coverage, high-profile collaborative community service events, volunteer recruitment, and service-learning (empowerment).

## **PRIORITY 3: STRENGTHENING INFRASTRUCTURE & SUSTAINABILITY**

Work in collaboration with CNCS and community partners to increase sustainability, resource development, strategic planning and accountability. Focus on outcome-based projects and expanding diverse partnerships. Include input from all stakeholders (community, national service members & staff, partners, clients, etc.)

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Update and maintain roster of National Service Programs in King County



- Utilize the InterCorps Council to gather input from members, staff and clients regarding successful approaches to address needs.
- Continue to coordinate among local national service projects to create events and group activities involving all streams of service
- Share members to implement new initiatives and support common goals
- Foster a culture of cooperation in order to leverage shared resources
- Work together to implement a cooperative approach in requesting funding from private partners

#### **PRIORITY 4: TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Develop and offer local, cross-stream, and value-added training & development activities for national service staff. Share “best practices” and education resources on-line. Explore new partnerships.

##### **OBJECTIVES**

- Summer Institute at UW
- Cross-stream Corps. Training and events

#### **PRIORITY 5: LOCAL COLLABORATION**

- Intergenerational approach
- Shared Members/ cross Training
- Hold a volunteer fair involving all streams of service

# KITSAP COUNTY~STAGE TWO

**DATE:** MAY 20, 2002  
**TIME:** 1:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES, BREMERTON, WA  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** INGA JENNINGS - RSVP  
**FACILITATOR:** INGA JENNINGS  
**TIMEKEEPER:** NONE  
**NOTE TAKER:** THERESE CALDWELL

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:**  
 KCR AmeriCorps – Russ Donahue, Program Director -  
 Bev Keogh, Rolling Readers – Therese Caldwell

**WCNCS COMMISSIONERS:**  
 Barbara Stephenson-Vice Chair WCNCS

**FAITH-BASED PARTICIPANTS:**  
 Lutheran Community Services, Inga Jennings –  
 RSVP Project Director, Jana Bonny – RSVP  
 Volunteer Coordinator, Deb McElliott – SCP  
 Director

## PRIORITY 1: ERADICATION OF POVERTY

## PRIORITY 2: SUPPORT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

## PRIORITY 3: INVOLVEMENT/PARTNERSHIP WITH FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

### OBJECTIVES

Service/program objectives of represented agencies each support one or more of these priorities:

- KCR/AmeriCorps has a variety of programs that relate to all three priorities – community projects that include faith-based organizations, teaching youth skills that can lead to improved life situations and projects related to homeland security.
- LCS has programs that benefit seniors and provide income enhancement for them, is developing projects related to homeland security and is a *faith-based organization*.

### ACTIVITIES

Reviewing the USP goals and strategies very effectively highlighted the need for structured communication and cooperation between agencies. We are taking a step in that direction with a meeting scheduled for July 15, and we plan to meet on a regular basis.

### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR ADDRESSING PRIORITIES, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTIVITIES (THREE-YEAR TIMELINE)

- During the next year, members of the Kitsap County national and community service community plan to meet quarterly, identify potential areas of cooperation, and develop and implement at least one cooperative project.
- During year two, the County will continue with this project, and based on a project review, the plan will be updated and amended accordingly, and the County will begin planning for year three.
- During year three, Kitsap County will continue with the project, update and amend plans as needed, and based on the successes and lessons learned from the first collaborative project, the County will consider expanding the project.

# PIERCE COUNTY~STAGE TWO

**DATE:** MAY 30, 2002  
**TIME:** 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** AMERICAN RED CROSS, TACOMA  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** KITTY CUSTER, RSVP PROJECT DIRECTOR  
**FACILITATOR:** MILDRED SMITH  
**TIMEKEEPER:** MILDRED SMITH  
**NOTE TAKER:** MEMORY BROCK & DIANNE BREEN

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:

Memory Brock, Don Wise, Gloria Green, Mildred Smith, Kitty Custer, Angie M. Chambers, Connie Crawford, Dianne Breen, Pam Nelson, Taryn Capps (all meeting participants receive grant funding from CNS)

## FAITH-BASED PARTICIPANTS:

Debra McElliot

## WCNCS COMMISSION STAFF:

Danika Best

## PRIORITY 1: EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT HOMELAND SECURITY ISSUES

### OBJECTIVES

Educate School District leaders in disaster curriculum (PC Streams of Service/PCSS); educate ourselves (PC Streams of Service), then members, then the community (PCSS). Identify and overcome barriers (PCSS) (continue this objective through second and third year). Utilize Safe Streets and other organizations like them to reach community and community leaders (PCSS/CNS). Utilize military PR for education (PCSS/CNS), public utilities for written education (flyers in bills) (CNS), and PSA's with all media (State commission/CNS).

## PRIORITY 2: DEVELOP HOMELAND SECURITY PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE

### OBJECTIVES

Develop neighborhood education teams.(PCSS), use billboard media to educate (State Commission), conduct community preparedness assessments (PCSS), collaborate on and participate in disaster drills (PCSS).

## PRIORITY 3: ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO SERVICE – TRANSPORTATION/MOBILIZATION

### OBJECTIVES

Provide funding to existing resources (Pierce County, State), work with TACID to identify potential volunteers & volunteer opportunities – utilize strength perspective (PCSS), teach people how to use transportation – teach 3 options of transportation. Identify community resources and transportation needs of population (PCSS), advocate for other agencies to provide transportation (tokens, mileage) to volunteers (CNS) (continue throughout second and third year), create volunteer license to eliminate duplicating background check (PCSS) (continue this through second year)

## PRIORITY 4: SUSTAINABILITY OF FUNDING/SOURCES

### OBJECTIVES

Meet quarterly to promote cross-streams of service (PCSS), advocate for simplified system of approving volunteers for serving (PCSS), share volunteers without duplicating application efforts (PCSS). Advocate for volunteer license issued with bar codes included (CNS). Collaborate on service projects (avoid duplication)–

share info, get Listserv/Bulletin Board in place (State Commission), create shared plans for -fundraising opportunities and marketing (PCSS), continually initiate, evaluate & maintain.

### **PRIORITY 5: COMMUNICATION/COLLABORATION OF CROSS STREAMS OF SERVICE (CNS) AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND FAITH-BASED GROUPS**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Utilize "Volunteer Village" - web page (United Way), host quarterly cross-stream service meetings (PCSS) (continue during second and third year). Invite Associated Ministries (Tacoma), Ministerial Association (Sumner) (PCSS), share newsletters (PCSS), resources, and sources of funding (PCSS) (continue through second and third year). Listserv & Bulletin Board (CNS)

### **PRIORITY 6: VOLUNTEER MOBILIZATION**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Share best practices of successful volunteerism (PCSS) (continue years 2 and 3), establish joint volunteer recruitment fair (PCSS).

#### **PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The priorities above have the notation as to which group/organization is indicated: (PCSS)= PC (Pierce County) Streams of Service; (CNS)= Corporation for National Service; (State Commission)=WA State Commission; (United Way)=Pierce County United Way.

#### **RESOURCES NEEDED/PROVIDED BY**

- Meeting coordination
- PC Streams of Service
- Funding
- CNS, local funders
- Marketing tools CNS, PSA's
- Technology
- State Commission
- Listserv/Bulletin Board

#### **STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

Review Priority 4 for Sustainability in the implementation part of this report. The group name is PC (for Pierce County) Streams of Service. The group agreed to meet quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August, 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Bates Technical College. Gloria Green will host the meeting.

#### **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND TIMELINES FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT**

In the next three years, we will develop more cohesive cross-streams of service delivery creating a safer service oriented community.

# YAKIMA COUNTY~STAGE TWO

**MEETING DATES:** 04/29/02  
**TIME:** 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** YAKIMA VALLEY COMMUNITY STUDENT RESIDENCE CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** RSVP OF YAKIMA COUNTY  
**FACILITATOR:** DEBORAH WILSON  
**NOTE TAKER:** DEBORAH WILSON

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:

Yakima Valley OIC, Yakima County Substance Abuse Coalition, Sunnyside School District – Learn & Serve, Red Cross of Yakima County, RSVP of Yakima County, 39 Invited/5 attended

## PRIORITIES/OBJECTIVES/ACTIVITIES

The Unified State Plan was deemed to be an effective vehicle for collaborative efforts here in Yakima County. The one exception was a suggestion that a little more emphasis was placed on the issue of diversity whenever it was appropriate in the body of the plan. The group decided that just knowing about the Plan and agreeing to its priorities was a good start on community collaboration. We will come together again on a quarterly basis and try to start implementing the Plan here locally. We will also try to get more of the targeted agencies involved, and sit down and see if there are any agencies that were not identified on the first round that should be invited for the next meeting.

## THREE YEAR PLAN

- Meet Quarterly – next meeting will be 7/5/02 (during the first, second, and third year)
- Set up email list for all interested parties in order to share information
- Try to work on a collaborative event for either MLK or Volunteer Week
- Revisit USP to see if it needs additional adjustment/changes
- Pass on information regarding training opportunities to parties on the email list

## RESOURCES

Deborah Wilson, RSVP of Yakima County,

- Send out meeting notices
- Provide meeting space
- Construct email list

**STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

Now that we know about one another, we will continue to try to get more of the target agencies involved as we try to implement some of the plan – a little at a time. Some items are a natural result of others. By sticking with the plan the way it is organized now, we will begin to make progress on some of the goals.

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND TIMELINE FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT**

We all agreed that the plan itself was good, but we will have to meet a few more times to see how realistic the “Three year timeline” is. Most of the members were more interested in how to achieve the goal itself rather than the timeline.

# ASOTIN/GARFIELD COUNTIES

## STAGE THREE

**MEETING DATES:** MAY 17 AND MAY 21  
**TIME:** 1:00-3:00 PM AND 1:00 TO 4:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** LEWISTON COMMUNITY CENTER AND ASOTIN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** RSVP, LEWISTON, ID  
**FACILITATOR:** DARLENE M. HILDEBRANDT, RSVP INTERIM DIRECTOR  
**TIMEKEEPER:**  
**NOTE TAKER:** LEONA BLAKER, RSVP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VISTA

### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS

Don Scheibe, County Commissioner, Asotin County, Leona Blaker, Washington Disaster Management RSVP VISTA, Mel Johnson, Director, Lewiston-Nez Perce County Emergency Management, Linda O'Dowd, Social Services Director, Salvation Army, Donna Engle, Mayor, City of Clarkston, Jan Klatt, Financial Services Supervisor, DSHS/Clarkston, Eva Lynn Thompson, Coordinator, Asotin & Garfield Community Network, Carmel Donohue, Administrator, Asotin County Health District, Rick Iddings, Financial Worker, DSHS/HCS, Lisa D. Wood, Executive Director, American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, Vertie Brown, Police (& Fire Chief), City of Clarkston.

*After the second group had set their priorities, the priorities of the first group were presented. There was quite a difference between the priorities established by the two groups. Although different, pieces of the priorities of the first group, are part of the number one priority which emerged overall which was substance abuse and mental health. It was also acknowledged that Homeland Security, although the second priority, would change in priority were there a terrorist attack or major natural disaster.*

### **PRIORITY 1: REDUCE SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.** (HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY/HOMELAND SECURITY/ENVIRONMENT)

#### **OBJECTIVE 1: REDUCE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND IMPROVE THE MENTAL HEALTH STATUS OF INDIVIDUALS IN ASOTIN & GARFIELD COUNTIES.**

**Outcomes:** Asotin County has a very high rate of domestic violence and child abuse. Working towards eradicating the drug problem and improving mental health status of individuals in Asotin & Garfield counties would also attack these problem areas: child abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, homelessness, teen pregnancy, teen suicide, poor academic performance (e.g. below average reading skills, poor general academic skills), and crime. Eight out of nine teen pregnancies have alcohol involved. Substance abuse is the number one reason that families are still on assistance programs. Families who are "drugged out" do not maintain their property (causing environmental issues), and are most likely not contributors to the economic well-being of their community.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

- Provide more public safety through an increase in police officers or neighborhood watch programs
- Provide more education on substance abuse and mental health issues

- Market what the social norm should be (Examples: Don't let friends drive drunk, depression can be anyone's problem regardless of age, nationality, gender, or economic status)
- Provide a means to let people know what help is available in their communities
- Provide intervention programs (Examples: Programs to prevent bullying, summer activity to keep kids occupied and off drugs, reduce pregnancy)
- Provide affordable counseling

## **OBJECTIVE 2: PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES LOCALLY (ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN)**

**Outcomes:** *By providing services locally, children would not have to be sent out of the area for services, which are very costly. Local services may also create new economic opportunities for community members.*

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Provide a local detoxification programs
- Provide a local "ranch" for juveniles/kids at risk
- Provide other resources/programs to support positive values and lower the rate of drugs

## **OBJECTIVE 3: MAKE SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING SERVICES AFFORDABLE**

**Outcomes:** *By making services affordable and available to those who want to take advantage of them, the family environment would improve. There would be less sexual abuse, substance abuse, domestic violence, and crime. The community would be safer.*

### **ACTIVITIES**

- Change legislation so that adults do not have to go on welfare or assistance programs to get help
- Provide support to those who want help but cannot afford private counseling or assistance
- Provide special counseling programs for youth
- Address general health issues (Example: Shortage of doctors, dental health needs, high cost of medical, insurance, help Lewiston RSVP promote the Patient Advocate Prescription Services program which provides free or low-cost prescriptions who often reduce or eliminate prescriptions because they can't afford the other living basics such as food, shelter, home heat, etc.)

## **OBJECTIVE 4: PROVIDE CHILD SAFETY PROGRAMS**

**Outcomes:** *By providing early intervention training programs, children would be less likely to experiment and participate in unsafe activities. Children would be able to perform better in schools. Teen pregnancy would be reduced (Example: Bicycle safety programs, personal safety programs (e.g. on abuse smoking, drugs))*

## **OBJECTIVE 5: PROVIDE SUMMER BRIDGING PROGRAMS**

**Outcomes:** *Keep children occupied reduce the likelihood of involvement in unsafe or illegal activities (Example: counseling, summer reading programs, summer school programs, summer tutoring programs, provide minimum skills classes for teens about to enter the work-force.*

## **OBJECTIVE 6: IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION**

**Outcomes:** *Better transportation would allow youth to get to summer day programs while their families are working. By participating in supervised activities youthful energies are used in productive rather than destructive ways.*



**ACTIVITIES**

- Form additional routes [have limited fixed routes at present] so kids can get to summer programs
- Provide transportation to a wider base of the population (e.g. seniors who cannot walk long distances to bus stops or wait in the “elements” for a ride)
- Provide grants to assist volunteer transportation providers such as RSVP the means to fill in the gaps until the community can expand transportation program to meet larger needs.

**OBJECTIVE 7: INCREASE LITERACY**

**Outcomes:** *Approximately 70% of K-6 children receive free or reduced meals in Asotin County. When children are focusing on basic needs and daily survival are paramount; it is not reasonable to expect them to excel in academics. By providing one-on-one tutoring the child is presented with a positive role model (in the case of RSVP, a grandparent figure) that is truly concerned about their success. Having someone care may be the turning point in the life of a child where abuse and neglect are the norm.*

**ACTIVITIES**

- Expand the America Reads program in Washington State. [Note: Approximately 70% of K-6 students receive free or reduced meals in Asotin County.]
- Expand the volunteer base in Asotin & Garfield counties to provide tutoring in reading and math.
- Obtain State or Federal funding for ongoing support staff in RSVP programs who is devoted to literacy
- Look for non-federal grants to support literacy

**PRIORITY 2: INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY/HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Outcomes:** *Through coordination and training, prepare the citizens of Asotin & Garfield counties to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of a disaster; and prepare agencies to work together using their unique areas of expertise to bring prompt relief and response to an emergency/disaster.*

**OBJECTIVE 1: COORDINATE ALL AGENCIES SO THEY CAN WORK TOGETHER.**

**[NOTE: A WRITTEN POLICY IS NOT COORDINATION]**

**Outcomes:** *Through coordination and training, prepare the citizens of Asotin & Garfield counties to be self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of a disaster; and prepare agencies to work together using their unique areas of expertise to bring prompt relief and response to an emergency/disaster. Cooperation and coordination would ensure efficient and effective service during a disaster. Valuable time would not be wasted. More lives and property would be saved and resources would be maximized.*

**ACTIVITIES**

- Identify the expertise of each agency that would be involved in an emergency/disaster.
- Provide support to put together a resource book, web page or database that would assist agencies, in identifying expertise in time of disaster for Asotin & Garfield counties.
- Do a needs assessment [Note: determine if it is more cost effective to rely on Nez Perce County in case of a disaster and pay them for the service; or work cooperatively with Nez Perce county in Idaho, but developing separate resources and expertise that could be combined or used separately as the situation calls for. It is believed that Nez Perce County would come to the aid of the Washington counties, but this would not be without a price tag. In addition, it would only be fair that Nez Perce Co. residents receive service first if the communities were impacted similarly.]

**OBJECTIVE 2: PROVIDE DISASTER TRAINING**

**Outcomes:** *In times of disaster lives are saved by training and rehearsed procedures. In some cases equipment may also be necessary to be efficient and effective in saving lives and property.*

#### ACTIVITIES

- Promote Community Emergency Response Classes.
- Adequately train and equip first responders
- Equip CERT teams (e.g. protective helmets, eyewear, gloves, vests, etc.)

#### OBJECTIVE 3: PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PREPAREDNESS

**Outcomes:** *There will always be those who do not prepare adequately. By encouraging the majority of citizens to take care of their personal or family needs, agencies will be freed up to take care of those who are elderly, disabled, or unprepared when a disaster/emergency strikes.*

#### ACTIVITIES

- Hold family preparedness workshops
- Attend public outreach events (e.g. fairs, etc.)
- Develop program for school outreach (administrations, teachers, classrooms)

### PRIORITY 3: INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS)

#### OBJECTIVE 1: CREATE LOCAL ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY

**Outcomes:** *In an area where the economy is depressed families and teens do not have gainful employment, depression, substance abuse, domestic and sexual violence and other mental health issues increase. By providing opportunities for employment, many adults would have hope and feel good about what they are doing for themselves and their families.*

#### ACTIVITIES

- Encourage tourism
- Encourage local buying

#### OBJECTIVE 2: ENCOURAGE SMALL BUSINESSES

**Outcomes:** *By removing legislative inhibitors and providing necessary services, small businesses would do better and there would be more successful start-up companies. This would benefit economically depressed areas and help families become self-sufficient.*

#### ACTIVITIES

- Repeal the Business & Operations Tax
- Expand telecommunications capabilities to provide redundancy for fail fail-safe backup.

# CLARK COUNTY~STAGE THREE

**MEETING DATES:** 4/25/02, 5/2/02  
**TIME:** 3PM  
**LOCATION:** LUEPKE CENTER, VANCOUVER, WA  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** BOBBI CASANOVA  
**FACILITATOR:** BOBBI CASANOVA/RSVP  
**TIMEKEEPER:** KAREN SMITH VISTA (RSVP)  
**NOTE TAKER:** APRIL CHAMBERS VISTA  
**PROJECT LEADERSHIP:** KAREN SMITH VISTA

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:

- Kate McPherson/Learn and Serve/Hudson's Bay High School / WA State Commission Member
- Bobbi Casanova, RSVP
- Adrienne Wiley-Thomas, WA Service Corps
- Nancy Warnock- Service Learning Northwest
- April Chambers, Americorps/ Project Leadership
- Pete Anderson, Vancouver Housing Authority
- Karen Smith – Americorps/VISTA - RSVP

## FAITH-BASED PARTICIPANTS:

- Tom Tucker, Vancouver Interfaith Community

**PRIORITY 1: EXPAND TRADITION OF COLLABORATIONS AND DEVELOP NEW PARTNERSHIPS. IDENTIFY PARTNERS, MULTIPLE SITES, AND ACTIVITIES FOR DAYS OF SERVICE. EDUCATE PUBLIC ABOUT DAYS OF SERVICE AND WHAT THEY ARE ALL ABOUT.**

## OBJECTIVES

- 1<sup>st</sup> year one national day of service
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year two days of service: 1 national, 1 local
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year two days of service, plus a community education piece (educate public about what AmeriCorps is and what services it provides).

**PRIORITY 2: MEET BI-MONTHLY FOR NETWORKING AND SHARING INFORMATION. SET UP "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK FAIR" TO PUBLICIZE AVAILABLE SERVICES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. MODEL 'SERVICE' AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.**

## OBJECTIVES

- 1<sup>st</sup> year share information within the group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year identify new partners
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year expand partners to include low income, disabled, increase diversity

**PRIORITY 3: COORDINATE AN ONLINE CNS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS LIST. GET THE MESSAGE OUT TO THE PUBLIC. CLARK COUNTY NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS WILL COLLABORATE ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY DAYS OF SERVICE.**

## OBJECTIVES

- 1<sup>st</sup> year identify needs of partners
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year set up/ sustainability and implementing services

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year continue sustainability and implementation

#### **PARTIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- *Bobbi Casanova/RSVP*: will ensure that meetings are scheduled at available facilities/agenda/meeting notes to participants/assist with collaborations
- *Kate McPherson/ WCNCS*: will assist with developing web site/ assist with national service day collaboration/Help develop learn and serve partnerships
- *Nancy Warnock/Service Learning NW*: Will assist with finding web sit development opportunities/collaborations for service learning projects
- *Anne Turner/Human Services Council*: Take lead on National Service Day collaborations
- *Tom Tucker /Interfaith Council*: Will act as information link to Interfaith Council with information on collaborative actions and activities and encourage participation from the *faith- based community*.

#### **STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

Our strategy in setting our Unified State Plan priorities was to start small and not set ourselves up for failure. We felt that it was important to get to know all the CNCS programs more in depth before trying to start new projects. Bi-monthly meetings will not be overwhelming and will give us the opportunity to learn about the work already being accomplished and insight on how we can work more efficiently together. National Service Day collaborations would be a good first step in our collaboration efforts. As we develop and strengthen our partnerships we will begin to expand our collaborations and identify new partners that will benefit the participating organizations and the community. By the end of the three-year plan we will begin to develop resources together and work on identifying local needs, develop and implement new collaborative projects, and identify possible new partners and resources together.

#### **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES AND TIMELINES FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT**

- Year 1: Track National Service Day accomplishments, participants and partners, and measure the impact of the National Service Day projects on the community/individuals. Evaluate collaboration efforts. Track responses to educational efforts. July 2003.
- Year 2: Again, track impact of National Service Day activities and other collaborative projects that are developed. New partners are to include low income, disabled and increase diversity and we will conduct a survey of new partners and evaluate the collaborative efforts. July 2004.
- Year 3: Continue to track impact of National Service Day activities and all collaborative projects that are implemented. Evaluate the USP Committee's overall work and collaborative efforts, identifying benefits and disadvantages and needs of all the partners. Incorporate feedback into new local USP plan. July 2005.

# SPOKANE COUNTY~STAGE THREE

**MEETING DATES:** MAY 15, 2002 AND MAY 23, 2002  
**TIME:** 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. AND 12:00 – 2:00 P.M.  
**LOCATION:** SPOKANE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PROGRAMS, SPOKANE WA  
**MEETING CALLED BY:** SUSAN RUSSELL, DIRECTOR RSVP  
**FACILITATOR:** BILL DILLON, DIRECTOR NE COMMUNITY CENTER /SUSAN RUSS  
**TIMEKEEPER:**  
**NOTE TAKER:** JILL BOYD, AMERICORPS\*VISTA LEADER  
**TYPE OF MEETINGS:** (1) ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION VIA WEB BASED QUESTIONNAIRE; (2) IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZING OF COMMON NEEDS & AREAS OF POTENTIAL COLLABORATION; (3) IDENTIFYING STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES REVIEW/CRITIQUE OF 1997 UNIFIED STATE PLAN

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANTS:

RSVP, Arc of Spokane, Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs, East Central Community Center, Northeast Community Center, United Way, Spokane City/County Youth Department, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Spokane, ESD 101 /Washington Reading Corps, Washington Service Corps, American Red Cross, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Northwest Regional Facilitators, Second Harvest Food Bank, Fairchild Air Force Base, YMCA, TINCAN (The Inland Northwest Community Access Network)

## FAITH-BASED PARTICIPANTS:

House of Charity, Shalom Ministries, Emmanuel Ministries, First Covenant Church

**WCNCS COMMISSIONERS:** Bill Dillon

**WCNCS STAFF:**

**STATE EDUCATION AGENCIES:** Eastern Washington University, ESD 101

## PRIORITY 1: VOLUNTEERISM (INFORMATION, CLEARINGHOUSE, RAISING AWARENESS, ORGANIZING CITIZEN RESPONSE, BUILDING INTERGENERATIONAL INVOLVEMENT)

### OBJECTIVES:

- Legislation
- 2004 Youth Service Mandate
- Service Learning – Schools
- Monetary reinforcement for supervisors & mentors
- Technology
- Promote business tax credits

### Resources:

Baby Boomers, PR campaign, Pre retirement tax break

## PRIORITY 2: ISSUES (\*NEEDS OF THE WORKING POOR - LITERACY, HEALTH CARE, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, CHILD CARE; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; SENIORS)

### OBJECTIVES:

- Multiple clearinghouses for information, assessment, resources and networks
- Process for input
- Media awards
- Infrastructure for National Service, networking and staff administration
- Electronic media

### Resources:

HIP, United Way, Universities, Project Care, SRHD, Faith Based

### **PRIORITY 3: CNS MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND SUPPORT**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Identify members
- Identify projects
- Identify locations
- Create visibility within communities of National Service
- Media coverage: Support and recognize media giving coverage to National Service
- Trainings
- Plan & Participate in local service days

#### **Resources:**

Current initiatives more monetary backing, ICC local and statewide connections, Uniforms  
Spokane Corps logo, Corporate sponsors

### **PRIORITY 4: HOMELAND SECURITY**

#### **OBJECTIVES:**

- Identification of roles
- Recruitment
- Educate community
- Target those at risk
- Low income, elderly, etc.

#### **Resources:**

DEM-CERT Training

### **STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

Large group discussion revolved around the need to identify National Service projects, locations, members and partners. The identified solution and resource for this need was technology. Web-based technology could be developed to serve as a clearinghouse for information, assessment and resources to networks (SpokaneCorps already has some of these elements in place). United Way's Volunteer Center shared a database resource, which will be implemented this summer, and RSVP is now implementing the Corporation for National Service's "JASON" web based recruitment systems. Dr Stacy Warren from Eastern Washington University's Dept of Geography, a GIS Specialist, also offered assistance with resource linking through GIS mapping. The collective need for Volunteers could be education as to "Service as the Solution." This would bring greater awareness to the identified need areas and skills to resolve those needs. This effort would enhance excellence in programs for Homeland Security, Issues and CNCS member recruitment. Monetary reinforcements, such as tax incentives, could be launched along with a new title to replace "volunteers." A program of positive reinforcement could be launched for participating media and the corporate communities. Strategies for this will be discussed in the future.

# WHATCOM COUNTY~ STAGE THREE

**DATE:** MAY 15, 2002

**LOCATION:** WHATCOM LUNTEER CENTER, BELLINGHAM

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PARTICIPANT

American Red Cross (ARC) – Kristi Slette, Bellingham Parks and Recreation – Sally Manifold and Leslie Pullen, Bellingham School District (BSD) – Jo Ann Johnson, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BB/BS) – Brian Gilmore, Camp Fire USA (CF) – Sara Sky, Interfaith Coalition (IFC) – Lori Polevoi, Lummi Island Community Land Trust (LICLT) – Michele Morrissey, Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) – Rachel Deryckx, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) – Gayle Pauley, Opportunity Council (OC) – Jan Hunter, Power of Hope (POH) – Sharon White Arrow-Akers and , Brook Steussy-Edfelt, Washington Campus Compact – Moonwater, Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) – Frank Corey, Washington Service Corps (WSC) – Terri Jack, Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center (WDRC) – Jean Richardson and Eve Kerber, Whatcom Juvenile Services (JVCT) – Nancy Deselover, Whatcom Volunteer Center (WVC) Louise Bjornson (Board President and member RSVP Advisory Board), Barbara Clark and Geddes Davis (RSVP Advisory Board members), Keri Cooper, Shannon Garvich, and Sara Haemmerle (Interns from WWU), Stone Veritas (RSVP) and Christy Bell (Program Directors), and Joy Keenan (Executive Director)

## PRIORITY #1 ~ EDUCATION (NATIONAL AND STATE)

### OBJECTIVES:

- Training for teen-age dad parenting
- Youth Civic Engagement (Campus Compact)
- School-based Service/Leadership Clubs focused on emergency and disaster issues
- Youth Voices (POH)
- Helping suspended drivers regain license (Vista)

## PRIORITY #2 ~ HUMAN NEEDS (NATIONAL AND STATE)

### OBJECTIVES

- Sustainable Economic Activity- Revolving Loan Fund (LICLT)
- Emergency Communication between Countries for both Military and Non-Military purposes (ARC)
- Youth Voices (POH)

## PRIORITY #3 ~ PUBLIC SAFETY (NATIONAL AND STATE)

### OBJECTIVE

- Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams (ARC)

## PRIORITY #4 ~ ENVIRONMENT (NATIONAL AND STATE)

### OBJECTIVES

- Outreach to private property owners- Backyard Habitat Program (B'Ham Parks & Rec)
- Care of ornamental landscapes on public property (B'ham Parks & Rec)
- Farmland preservation/conservation (LICLT) (Kulshan CLT)

## PRIORITY #5 ~ LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (STATE)

### OBJECTIVES

- CF Clubs become tutors for other children (CF)



## **PRIORITY #6 ~ LATE-NIGHT/AFTER-SCHOOL/SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (STATE)**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Expand community justice center- (JVCT)
- Special Clubs for Children in Transitional Housing or Domestic Violence Shelter (CF)
- Special Clubs for at Risk Youth (CF)
- One to One Mentoring (IFC)
- Youth Voices (POH)

## **PRIORITY #7 ~ PARENTING/PARENTHOOD ACTIVITIES FOR TEEN/YOUNG ADULTS (STATE)**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- Training for Teen Age dad parenting (VISTA)
- Clubs for Teens who are pregnant or parents (CF)
- Arts Camps for teens and pregnant parents (POH)

### **RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

Dedication, human (people, hours), knowledge, information, network of creative people, training, Programs, families/kids, connections with other agencies, VISTA opportunities, 45 acre resident camp available for other nonprofits to rent, classrooms, volunteers, affordable housing model, expertise and experience, training and support system, HELP program, some city money, AmeriCorps members, mediation services

### **Resources Needed**

Computer training for office (tech support), funding, less “red tape”/more help, more commitment of time from volunteers, paradigm shift (focus currently testing), parenting programs for teens/training, professional skills, space, staff, technology, time, training (service learning curriculum, software programs, group facilitation), transportation, volunteers

### **STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

Additional funding to hire staff and continuity of key staff, ask to volunteer after. Build and evaluate from the beginning so others can recognize the importance of the program. Director and organization buy-in. Commitment of future funds. Documentation of work. Having leadership volunteers to sustain work. Building community awareness about programs. Staff buy-in for AmeriCorps projects. Manual created by AmeriCorps or staff. Strategic planning-AmeriCorps member participating. Training more specific AmeriCorps members as well as others who may sustain project. Careful creation of workplace. Think about leaving from day one.